

HA-1480

Between 1886 & 1890

Wright-Dean House
604 Rock Spring
Bel Air
private

This is another idiosyncratic Victorian house. For one thing it has no front porch. It is possible that one was removed. With the aluminum siding one can not tell. Perhaps the most individual thing about the house is the gable treatment. The pent roof along the gable bottom makes them look like pediments.

The house was built by Col. Edwin Webster. William Hines, the cashier of the Harford National Bank, first rented it and then, in 1890, bought it. It is now divided into three apartments.

ADDENDA (May 1990)

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Paragraph 1

- 1) Add sentence to read, "The house is clad in wide, vinyl clapboards."
- 2) Delete first sentence, Line 9: "All major windows are flanked by shutters."
- 3) Insert the following changes into the description of the door on Line 12: " . . . surrounding a **new, metal** door."
- 4) Second-to-last sentence should be refined to read: "A single story shed addition, **with multi-pane casement windows**, on the north two bays of the rear (west) elevation completes the house.

Add a final paragraph to contain the following sentence: "There is a detached, one-story, tongue-and-groove storage shed to the rear of the house."

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wright - Dean House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

604 Rockspring

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED

___YES UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER Apts.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

W. Wylie Hopkins, Jr.

Telephone #: 879-6527

STREET & NUMBER

811 Rockspring

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 437

Folio #: 341

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

HA-1480

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, L-shaped house is at 604 Rockspring Avenue in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It has a steeply sloped slate roof. The front (east) and south gables form pediments with a narrow band of slates at the bottom. The front and rear (east and west) gables have a pair of 1/1 double hung sash windows. The south gable has the ubiquitous round headed 2/2 window. The other windows are 2/2 except for those in the first story front and the one in the east bay of the south elevation which are 2/4. All major windows are flanked by shutters. The main entrance is in the north bay of the east elevation. It is composed of four pane transom with two pane over panel side lights (the top pane of the side lights being frosted) surrounding the original four panel door. The south two story ell has a pair of 2/2 windows in each story topped by its own gable. A single story shed addition on the north two bays of the rear (west) elevation completes the house. Kitchen and bath are in the shed.

The interior is divided into three apartments, one to each floor. The entrance hall is on the north with the open string, single run staircase along the north wall. It has turned balusters and a slender turned newel. The living room of the first floor is to the south of the hall. It has a fireplace in the west wall between the door to the bedroom (s) and the arched opening to the dining room (n). The mantel has a large square opening and gouge work on the engaged colonettes, the frieze, and the brackets supporting the molded shelf.

West of the hall and living room are (s) the bedroom and (n) the dining room with a built in corner cupboard in the northwest corner. West again, in the shed addition are a small bath (s) and the kitchen (n).

The living room of the second floor apartment also has a fireplace. The wooden mantel is composed of panelled colonettes on blocks supporting a plain shelf. The frieze is also panelled. This apartment has living room, bedroom, small front (e) chamber used currently as a dinette, bath, and kitchen.

The attic level has one large room with a small kitchen and bath.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Between 1886 & 1890 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This elegantly spare late Victorian house was built by Col. Edwin H. Webster on land he leased from Mary Dallam in 1886 (56/352). William N. Hines, cashier of the Harford National Bank, rented the house and then bought it in 1890 (67/49). Hines died in 1895 and his widow moved to Baltimore City. In 1898 she sold the house to J. Edgar Dean for \$2,100 (95/73). Dean died in 1922 and left a life estate in the property to Agnes J. Carter with the remainder to his daughter Hazel Dean Wright (will 17/6). Agnes Carter died in 1950. In 1955 the Wrights sold the house to W. Wylie Hopkins, Jr. (437/341). The building is now divided into three apartments, one to each floor. It is up for le.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #115 in the Town of Bel Air.
100' x 200'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

17 November 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Webster-Hines-Dean House: Barn/Carriage House Foundation
604 Rock Spring Avenue
#HA-1480

Item 7, Description (Continuation Sheet)

The remains of a barn/carriage house are located at the rear of the property near the intersection of Howard Street with the alley between Rock Spring and Roland Avenues.

The foundation remains consist of a grouping of small to medium sized rocks and stones. The floor plan of the barn/carriage house is no longer discernible from these remains.

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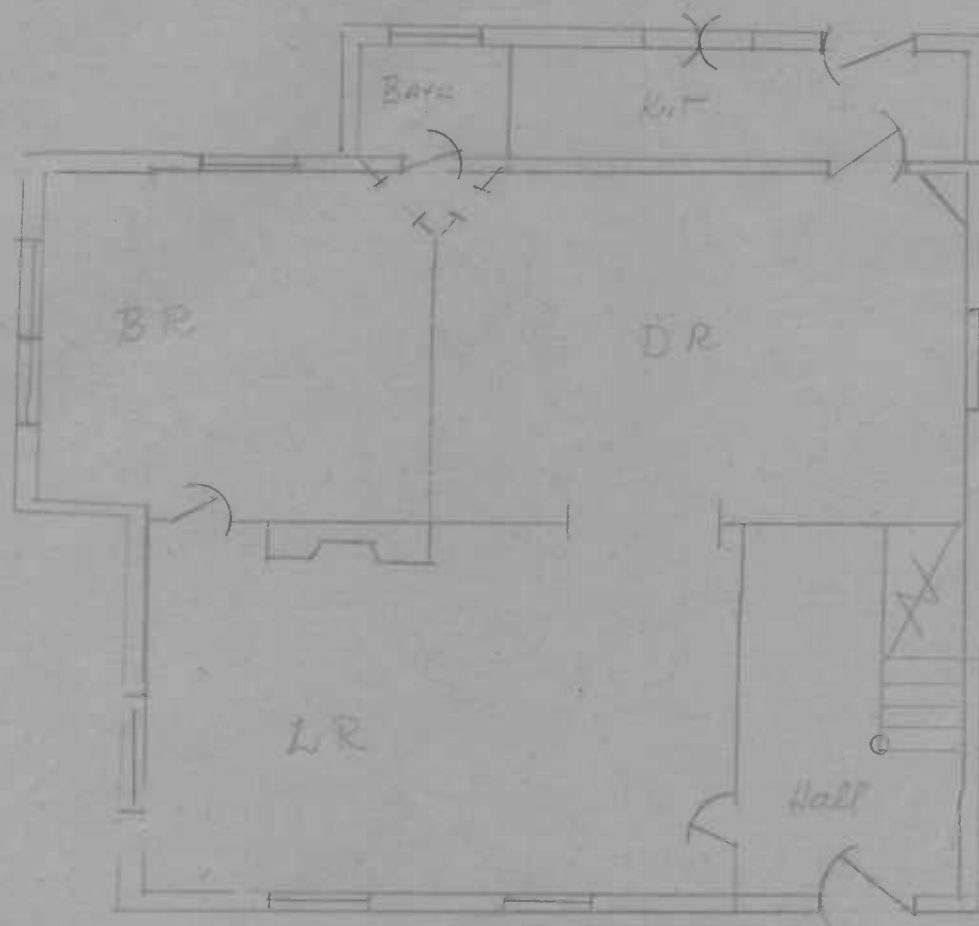
437/341 11 June 1955
Hazel Dean Wright & Robert
 to
W. Wylie Hopkins, Jr.

344/437 8 July 1950
Janet E. Pyle, unmarried
 to
Hazel Dean Wright & Robert

344/434 8 July 1950
Hazel Dean Wright (L. Hazel Wright)
and Robert
 to
Janet Pyle
J. Edgar Dean died September 2, 1922 and
left a life estate in the property to
Agnes J. Carter with the remainder to
his daughter Hazel Dean Wright (will 17/6).
Carter died March 20, 1950.

95/73 22 December 1898
Anna W. Hines, widow, of Baltimore City
 to
J. Edgar Dean
\$2,100
Property left to Anna Hines by her
husband William M. Hines (will 11/446)

67/49 24 January 1890
Mary Dallam & Edwin H. Webster
 to
William M. Hines
"Where he now resides"
the land was leased by Mary Dallam to
Edwin H. Webster in 1886 (56/352)



M. LARSEN
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604 ROCKSPRING
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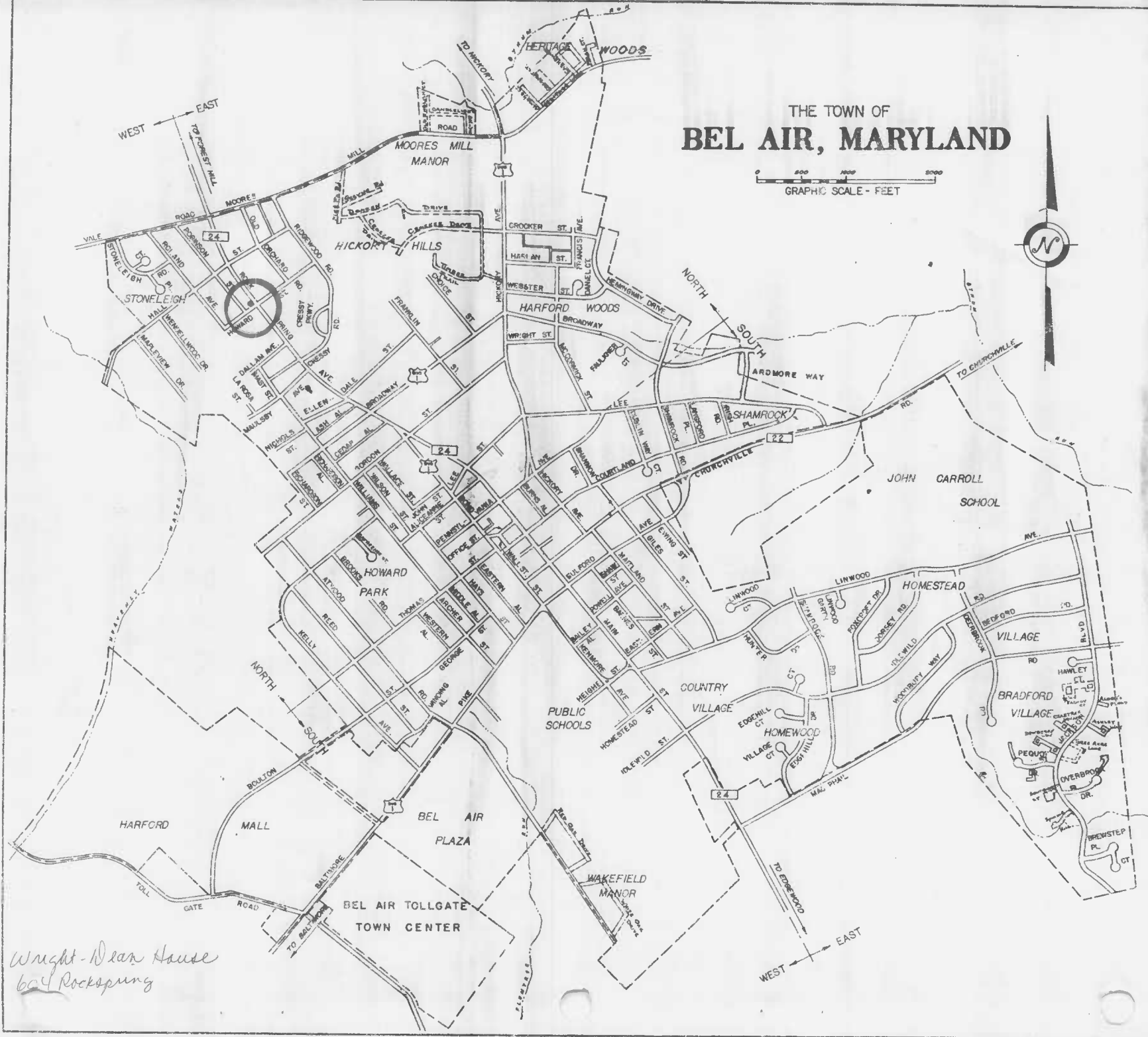
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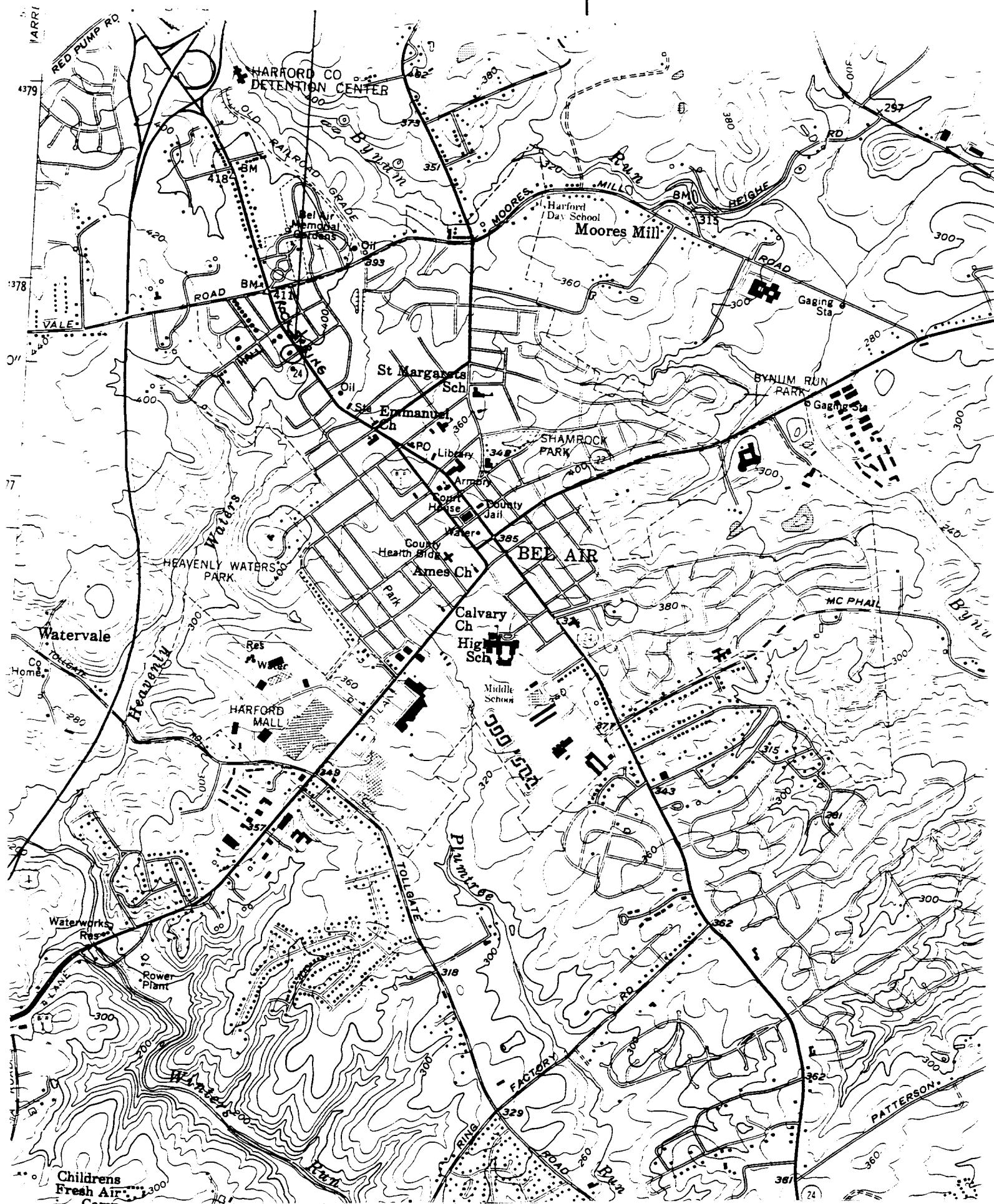
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Wright-Dean House
64 Rockspring

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Wright - Dean House, 604 Rock Spring, Bel Air
W + S elev

M. Lamm, 1979



Webster-Hines - Bean House: Carriage House / Barn Ruin
Rear of 604 Rock Spring Avenue, at corner of
Howard Street and alley

Julie Mueller
5/1/90
Facing north

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Wester-Hines - Dean House : Carriage House / Barn Ruin
Rear of 604 Rock Spring Avenue, at corner of
Howard Street and alley

Julie Mueller

5/1/92

Facing east

MA-1480